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Christmas baskets

Matt O'Reilly, left, and brother Shane were sorting baby food as volunteers with Minden's Christmas basket program on Dec. 19. Families picked up their goodies at the community centre on Dec. 21. See more on page 10.

Chad Ingram Staff

Petition calls for runway completion

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

A petition calling for the runway project at the Stanhope Airport to proceed has been sent out to stakeholders in the county.

"The recent turmoil at the airport may put any expansion in jeopardy," an email from pilot Barry Hart to some 40 recipients reads. "The Canada Builds [sic] has pledged \$2 million to this project. The expansion is local jobs in the building/expansion and new jobs on the airport property."

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The email encourages recipients to print off copies of letters (one for residents, one for businesses) attached to the email, get people to sign them and return them by Dec. 18.

"A stack of 400 names could help swing the decision," the email reads.

The two letters are basically the same, reading as follows:

"The Stanhope Airport expansion as approved under Build Canada and including the new 4,140 runway should proceed per the original plan. This

larger airport facility will encourage the creation of new jobs, construction projects and will positively influence and support many existing businesses. The airport expansion represents many new opportunities for our community as it supports the existing airport business park.

"While we reside in one of weakest local economies in the province of Ontario, this new business opportunity which will support aviation and non-aviation related businesses, represents the growth the Township of Algonquin Highlands

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Township looks at fee increases

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Those living in Algonquin Highlands could be paying more in the New Year for various items.

Council discussed an increase to township fees at their Dec. 13 meeting.

Director of public works Mike Thomas proposed that fees for the disposal of chippable construction and demolition waste be raised from \$20 per cubic yard to \$40.

The proposed fee increase is to help offset increasing costs to the township as well as an increase in the amount of chippable material it receives.

The fee for non-chippable construction and demolition waste is already set at \$40 per cubic yard.

He is proposing the increase take effect as of Feb. 1 2013.

Building/bylaw enforcement officer Mitch O'Grady proposed that building fees be increased in 2013, to bring the townships fees in line with neighboring municipalities.

Last reviewed in 2009, O'Grady is proposing changes to demolition permits, single family dwellings/cottages, commercial/industrial/institutional buildings, garages/boathouse/accessory buildings, HVAC systems, plumbing, building permit revision, building permit renewal and the construction of a temporary tent.

"The department is always in a deficit," said O'Grady.

In 2011 the department's deficit totalled more than \$91,000. The officer expects a similar deficit to occur in 2012. Building permit numbers were up this past year.

The increase in construction requires more time by the staff to do their job, said O'Grady.

"We have to be careful that we're not nickelling and diming people," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "I'm sure we'll hear what people think of the fee increase."

O'Grady said the increases follow a public input process and that "concerns are taken seriously and responded to."

Council accepted O'Grady's recommendation to proceed with scheduling a public meeting regarding the proposed increases.

Correction

Gordon A. Monk award winner Helen Burk is married to John, not Don, as was reported.

Minden Hills hands out citizen awards

➤ Casey Cox and Drew Hewitt recognized for community contributions

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The township of Minden Hills recognized two deserving citizens at their annual Christmas and volunteer recognition banquet on Dec. 6.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Drew Hewitt was given the Ross Rigney Youth Award for Civic Contribution by Lois Rigney.

Born and raised in Minden, Drew, 17, was recognized for demonstrating outstanding achievement and bringing positive recognition within and to the municipality of Minden Hills, according to the township.

Handed out for the first time, the award is in memory of the late Ross Rigney, who served as a former reeve of the municipality.

"I was pretty surprised ... I feel honoured and very happy that I was nominated and they chose me for this award," said Drew.

He is actively involved in volunteer work, including playing music for residents of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services once a month.

"By doing things such as playing at Hyland Crest I feel it's an opportunity for me to give back, that's always uplifting for both them and myself," he said.

This past summer Drew served as a skateboard instructor at the Minden Hills skate park and was involved in Make it

Minden events, the Highland Yard and other community fundraisers.

"Each student is required to do 40 hours of volunteer work, he has done 117 hours to date," said the nomination submitted to the township.

Drew is also on the student council and spends his lunch hour at school with mentally challenged students in a program called lunch buddies.

However, it is music that holds a special place in his heart, with ambitions to study music at university and become a music therapist.

"My guitar is my best friend and my piano as well, they help me express my emotions freely," he said.

Also a member of the Highland Male Chorus, Drew tries to use his passion to touch others.

"He composed, played and sang the lyrics to a song written for kids with autism and the song has since been put on a CD," according to the township.

The high school student believes volunteering is important because of the effect it can have on those around you.

"If there were more people out there who gave it would be a happier place in the world," said Drew.

Casey Cox was awarded the Good Neighbour Award, nominated for his good deeds which include delivering farm animals and helping someone out of a snow drift.

"When it comes to being a good neighbour he stands out head and shoulders above everybody else. He's the most selfless man I know, he will help out not only local residents and farmers but seasonal cottagers as well. Summer or winter, day or night, Casey will come to the rescue of anyone that asks," said the anonymous nomination.

Past president of the Haliburton County Farmers' Association and president of the Haliburton County Fair Board, Cox is a full-time farmer.

He could not be reached for comment at press time.



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Couple gives to Salvation Army

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Ron Gambell and Suwan Khamduang believe in the Salvation Army.

So much so, that on Dec. 12, the entrepreneurial couple donated \$10,000 to the charitable organization.

"I've always supported the Salvation Army," Gambell said, adding the organization keeps its administrative costs low and ensures most of the money it collects goes directly to its programs.

"We get caught up in our lives . . . and there are people living in such sub-standard conditions."

Gambell has donated to the Salvation Army in the past, but went public with his gift this year in the wake of a November controversy where \$2 million worth of donated toys were stolen and the executive director of a Toronto distribution centre was charged in connection.

"I'm trying to promote other people to give," he said. "That's my main thing."

Captain Michael Simpson of the Salvation Army's Fenelon Falls citadel was on hand at the couple's Wild Orchid restaurant to accept the donation.

"Wow, I think, was my first reaction," Simpson said. "It frees you up in where you can allocate your resources. These days, everyone is pinching."

Serving the northern portion of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, Simpson said the Fenelon Falls citadel serves "anyone who walks through the door," and that a lot of local clients are the working poor.

Gambell's donation will be spent locally, he said.

Donations in the organization's Christmas kettle campaign are low this year,



Chad Ingram Staff

Ron Gambell, left, and Suwan Khamduang, right, donated \$10,000 to the Salvation Army earlier this month. Accepting the cheque is Captain Michael Simpson of the Fenelon Falls citadel.

Simpson added, but said this can often happen in years where "it doesn't look like Christmas."

Gambell said he feels good knowing he's helped make Christmas merrier for others.

"The person that gives feels much better than the person who receives," he said. "It's a wonderful feeling."

Council confused by circulation of letters

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and entire county desperately requires. I am in full support of expansion and I believe it should continue immediately."

The Times was unable to get in touch with Hart before press time.

"Council is aware of this," Reeve Carol Moffatt said of the petition. "Across the board, members of council are confused. I think, unfortunately, some people have been duped into signing something errone-

ous."

The reeve said no one had approached council about the issue.

"In the past two years, I've had three calls about the airport and the third was yesterday," she said on Dec. 19.

As of that date, the township had not received the petition.

In 2009, the township was approved for two-thirds funding of up to \$3.6 million for the construction of a second runway at the airport by the Building Canada Fund.

One third of the funding for the project

would have come from the federal government, one third from the province and one third from the municipality.

While the majority of the township's previous council supported the project, it got tied up in the environmental assessment process and was unable to be completed before their term ended in late 2010.

While the project is still technically on the table, meaning the current council has never voted to abandon it, the members of the sitting council all spoke against the runway project as it stood during their election

campaigns.

The current council has been working to relocate the local MNR response base from Haliburton Village to airport and in November, voted to undertake a land use and development plan for the facility.

Part of that plan will look at the creation of a business park at the airport.

Moffatt stressed that the township is approved for the Building Canada funding until the year 2016.

"We're not in jeopardy of losing the funding," she said.

Celebrate the holidays with free skating

Tim Hortons restaurant owners invite guests of all ages and abilities to celebrate the magic of the holiday season with free holiday skating.

During December and the beginning of January, your local Tim Hortons is hosting free skate times at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

Schedules listing ice times and arenas will be available at

all local Tim Hortons restaurants and at timhortons.com (see listing below).

"Tim Hortons is delighted to give back to the communities where we live, work and play.

"Free holiday skating is just one way we thank our loyal guests for their continued support throughout the year," says Nancy Bishop, Tim Hortons restaurant owner.

"It also provides families and friends the opportunity to spend some quality time together during the holiday season."

Tim Hortons free holiday skating was first established in 1993, in Burlington. This year there are approximately 175 regions and 385 ice rinks across Ontario and Quebec participating in the program.

Submitted by Tim Hortons

Township of Minden Hills holiday skating schedule

Public skating is between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Christmas Break

- 24th Christmas Eve-ARENA CLOSED AT NOON
- 25th Christmas Day-ARENA CLOSED
- 26th Tim Hortons sponsor
- 27th Karen Nimigon, Broker Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc. sponsor
- 28th Tim Hortons sponsor
- 29th Saturday-NO Public Skating
- 30th The Cottage Angels sponsor
- 31st Tim Hortons sponsor
- 31st New Years Eve, Township of Minden Hills 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

January 2013

- 1st New Years Day-ARENA CLOSED
- 2nd Minden Kin Club sponsor
- 3rd Tim Hortons sponsor
- 4th Township of Minden Hills sponsor
- 5th Saturday-NO Public Skating
- 6th Tim Hortons sponsor

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OPP staffing changes in the New Year

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

There will be some staffing changes at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment in the New Year.

As was reported earlier in the *Times*, former Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley has been promoted to inspector and has taken over as detachment commander in Orillia, where he had been stationed in an interim position for about a year.

The Haliburton detachment commander

position will be advertised throughout the province and in the meantime, acting commander Staff Sgt. Chad Bark will continue to run the detachment.

Const. Sandy Adams, who's been the department's community services officer since 2011, has been promoted to sergeant and will be moving to the Bancroft base on Jan. 7.

Officers are competing to fill Adams's position.

There are 30 officers at the Haliburton Highlands detachment, with two new recruits arriving in the New Year.



Students collect items for Minden Food Bank

Members of Archie Stouffer Elementary School's student council show off the hundreds of items they collected for the Minden Food bank through their 12 Days of Christmas food drive. The drive concentrated on a different food item each day for a dozen school days, from canned veggies to coffee to pasta. The Minden Food Bank serves some 250 families.

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our editorial

Once again ... top 10

SO, HERE IT is. In what is becoming an annual tradition, here are my top 10 stories of the year for the western half of Haliburton County.

10. Canadian Tire/Dairy Queen

After much anticipation, the Canadian Tire store in Minden opens its doors and the Dairy Queen restaurant at Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road breaks ground. Many downtown merchants reported recently they thought the Canadian Tire store was having a positive overall economic effect on the village.

9. EMS base

Significant progress is made at the county level towards the construction of a new EMS base on the old Walker's Auto Repair Property on Hwy. 35. Minden Hills may relocate its fire hall in a joint facility.

8. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

The first local incarnation of the YWCA fundraiser bests expectations, raising some \$16,000 for the local safe space.

7. Places for People's second property

The non-profit, affordable housing corporation opens its second location, this one a duplex in Algonquin Highlands, thanks in part to a private mortgage from a mystery financier.

6. Fire ban

Dry conditions create the longest fire ban in anyone's memory from July 9 to Aug. 10.

5. Fireworks

Fireworks and noise bylaws are discussed at most of the county's lower-tier councils, with Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands planning to bring forward regulations.

4. Irondale church

After a two-year legal battle, community members in Irondale purchase the village's pioneer church from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

3. Village development

Downtown Minden gets a facelift and the village gets a new blueprint for the future as Minden Hills township proceeds with a streetscape project and the creation of a village development master plan.

2. R.D. Lawrence Place

The township announces a change of direction at the interpretive centre, merging its co-ordinator position with that of curator of the Minden Hills Museum. The change leads to controversy, with some community members contending it flies in the face of the memory of the building's namesake and contravenes the building's original purpose.

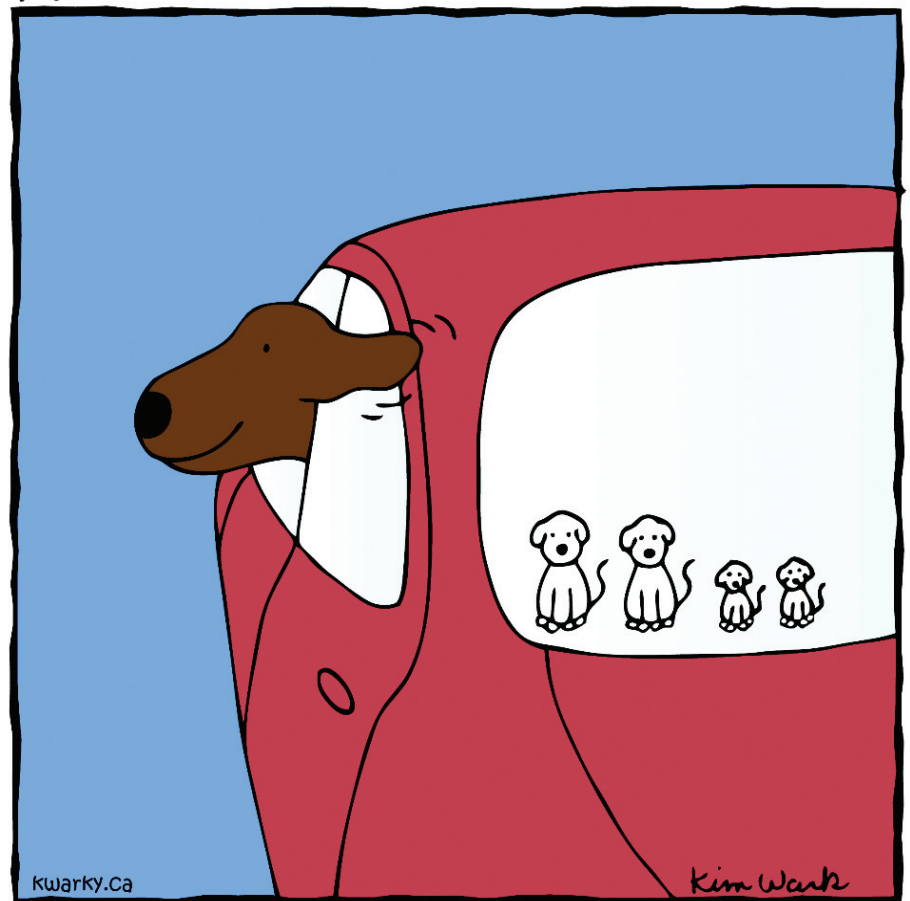
1. Staff turnovers

With the departure of four more department heads from Minden Hills, the total number of senior staff members to leave the township within two years rises to seven. The trend reaches north into Algonquin Highlands when the new Stanhope Airport manager is dismissed after less than a year on the job.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

Kwarky



letters to the editor

Congratulations to all skaters

To the Editor,

The skaters of the Minden Club have not only been busy with competitions but they have also been preparing and trying tests. When the skaters complete the learn to skate program and advance to intermediate and senior levels in skating, they prepare for tests that are performed before a judge, and given a pass or a retry.

On Oct. 29, some members travelled to Lindsay where Aurora Acorn and Arden Harrop passed their Baby Blues dance – completing the last of their preliminary tests. Ainsley Little passed her Dutch Waltz and Canasta which are also in the preliminary category. Skye Misco passed her 10 fox – the first of her senior Bronze dances. On Dec. 19, skaters travelled back to Lindsay where they again had a successful day. Ariel Weiss passed her European dance, and Vivian Collings passed her 14 step, which now moves these two girls up

to junior silver dance tests. Shae MacNaull passed her Blues – a senior silver dance test, and Aurora Acorn passed her swing and fiesta – both in the junior bronze category of dance.

River Christiano, Ruthie Parker, Madison Allaire and Skye Misco all passed their preliminary Freeskate part two which is a solo with compulsory jumps, spins and field moves.

In skating there are 21 dances - three in preliminary, junior bronze, and senior bronze, and four in each of junior silver, senior silver and gold. Freeskate tests and skill test (which replaced the old compulsory figures) are tested in the same order preliminary, junior bronze, senior bronze, junior silver, senior silver and gold.

Watch for more success from these and more skaters in the future.

Congratulations to all skaters!

Jane Symons
Minden

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points of view

My short but memorable acting career

THE YEAR, IF I remember correctly, was about 1969. I was seven and at the top of my game as a young actor. So it came as no surprise to anyone when I was offered the role of the Second Wise Man. Those who were there, riveted to their seats, in the gymnasium of St. Lawrence Catholic School on that memorable evening, no doubt remember it well.

I was the guy wearing the brown towel on my head along with the blue housecoat and sandals. I chose not to recite my lines. Oh sure, my director and Grade 1 teacher, Miss Stork, had another vision for my character. But, after giving it considerable thought, it occurred to me that the motivation was all wrong – after all, you don't really need to explain yourself with words when you walk into a stable

bearing frankincense. Explanations are for the guy who brings myrrh.

Needless to say, I stole the show with just a couple of nods. So much so that there was talk next recess that I might be nominated for Best Actor at the next Academy Awards. John Wayne won for his role as Rooster Cogburn but his people campaigned pretty aggressively. This, despite lavish, critical accolades from my mother, father, best friend and several other kids that I shared my Smarties with.

After that, I never took to the stage again.

Don't get me wrong, acting is in my blood. But sadly, I owned that

role so well that now, even more than 40 years later, it's almost certain that I would be typecast as a wise man, which would kill my chances in getting the lead in any romantic comedy.

I am proud of my body of work.

As we all know, the second wise man – the very role I made famous – is perhaps the most complex and demanding role in any nativity scene portrayal. Overact and people are sure to notice. And the

same goes if you trip on the housecoat belt of the guy carrying the gold.

Little things make for a memorable portrayal. I'm pleased to say that I added a brilliant touch of realism

to the role when I stepped out to go to the washroom, just as anyone who had walked for months might have needed to do.

If I do have any regrets, however, it is that I have set the bar too high for all those frankincense-carrying wise men who have come after me.

To them I say, don't try to reprise my portrayal – it would be far too obvious to any student of the genre. Instead, do your best to make the role your own. Try not to step on the housecoat of the wise man in front of you; go to the washroom before the play; and bring Smarties to recess the very next day.

Merry Christmas.

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Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Christmas in the Mechanical Age

WHAT LAY UNDER our Christmas tree in the 1950s might have come from another planet, for we grew up in the last years of the Mechanical Age.

Levers and springs and gears made things work and the printed word in a world before pods or pads or tablets or DVDs. A world before Nintendo!

The toys we stumbled down the stairs at dawn to find under the tree would be unidentifiable antiques for my generation's grandchildren, rendered meaningless by the Digital Revolution.

View-Masters and their reels. Table hockey games. Crokinole. Turntables and vinyl platters. Log building kits and pick-up sticks. Ankle socks from grandma. Robert Louis Stevenson and Thornton W. Burgess. *The Owl and the Pussycat* for our younger brothers.

We lived in an old farmhouse in the kind of genteel poverty that would look almost third-world to your grandchildren. Hydro but no phone. Running water but no indoor plumbing.

No central heating and only a four-brick-thick wall to keep the weather on the other side of it. A kitchen range and Quebec heater in the living-room kept us as warm as we were going to get.

One side of the central hallway in our 10-room house was all two stoves could

heat. Only the kitchen, living-room and front room on the main floor were warm enough for shirt sleeves.

My parents' bedroom was on the other side of the hall. In November, they'd move into the living-room and sleep on a fold-out couch, not far from where the Christmas tree would be.

We were never able to figure out how they slept through Santa's deliveries because we certainly had no difficulty waking them up when we came clomping down the stairs on Christmas morning.

There were rules. Our stockings could be emptied, but gifts must stay wrapped under the tree until breakfast had been eaten and dishes washed, which might take forever.

We could only look. Santa did not wrap the steel-runner sled that would turn out to be useless in the soft snow of Huron County.

Nor did he wrap the table hockey game, with its steel Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens, the only teams that mattered to two boys who learned all they knew of hockey from

Foster Hewitt on the radio.

Defencemen and forwards mounted on steel posts were swivelled with

knobs at your end of the game. The goalie slid from side to side in a slot.

There were no body checks, for the players were fixed in place. No chasing the puck either – if it wound in a dead zone along the boards, out of reach for the men of steel, you'd finger it back into play.

The game came with a wooden puck, but it took only a while to decide that a marble was more fun. Shoot it hard enough and your brother would have to crawl under the couch to find it.

Flicking a crokinole button hard enough to send enemy buttons flying off the board was far more fun than scoring points. It's the one thing I did well. Crokinole was as Canadian as hockey, a circular version of shuffleboard, perhaps invented by Menno-nites.

We lived beyond the reach of U.S. television. The View-Master was our window on the outside world. You slipped a disc into what looked like bin-



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

oculars and studied Bugs Bunny and Gene Autry and the Tower of London in 3D.

Compared to Lego, log building kits lacked versatility. You built the same cabin over and over again with brown wooden sticks milled and notched to look like logs.

Perhaps books meant most of all to us for they were a bridge between generations. Give a 21st century boy *Kidnapped* and he won't get through the first chapter. Too slow.

Books once leaped through generations. My father, through Santa, passed on the titles of his boyhood, passed on our set of historical myths and delusions. They were not too slow for me. *Kidnapped* got better each time I read it.

Gifts opened, Christmas dinner followed, for dinner was the noon meal in that time and place. A bird, stuffing, roast potatoes, mashed turnips, Christmas pudding with two kinds of sauce. You had two servings so you could try them both.

Snowmen and stars iced green or red. Chocolate and brown-sugar fudge.

Then fall asleep on the floor.

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Delivering food across the county

The Good Food Box volunteers Tina Hadley, left, and Mary Lawr, far right, were happy to receive the one-year monthly driving commitment from Brian Nash, centre, and four other Rotarians of Haliburton who will take turns delivering the food across Haliburton County. Nash, who spent four years on the Harvest Haliburton board and helped with the Local Food Infrastructure Report in 2010, has provided his company truck for the deliveries to Point in Time, Ontario Early Years Centre and Community Care locations in Minden, Stanhope, Gooderham, Wilberforce, Dorset, Kinmount and Cardiff.

Darren Lum Staff



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Meetings And Events

December 24th 11:30am, Administration Building CLOSED for the Holidays until January 2, 2013
December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
December 26th BOXING DAY
January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY
January 2nd 8:30am, Administration Building REOPENS
January 15th 10:00am Special Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting, Council Chambers
January 17th 9:00am Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Chambers (Public Session 10:00am)
January 17th 7:00pm, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Lochlin Community Centre
January 18th 10:00 am, Finance Advisory Committee meeting, Minden Hills Boardroom
January 24th 7:00pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre

Notice of Change of the Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting for January 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting is being rescheduled from January 10th, 2013 to January 17th, 2013 (10:00am public session)

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Public Skating 12:00pm- 2:00pm unless otherwise noted.	
December 2012	
26th	Tim Hortons
27th	Karen Nimigon, Broker Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc.
28th	Tim Hortons
29th	Saturday-NO Public Skating
30th	The Cottage Angels
31st	Tim Hortons
31st	New Years Eve, Township of Minden Hills 5:30--8:30pm
January 2013	
1st	New Years Day- -ARENA CLOSED
2nd	Minden Kin Club
3rd	Tim Hortons
4th	Township of Minden Hills
5th	Saturday-NO Public Skating
6th	Tim Hortons



176 Bobcaygeon Road Minden

André Lapine
Illustrator for Eaton's Catalogue Exhibition
January 7 – February 23, 2013

(Opening reception and curatorial talk January 12 at 1pm)
 Agnes Jamieson Gallery 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden

The exhibition looks at the life of an illustrator working for Brigden's Ltd (Toronto Engraving Company). This was the beginning of commercial art and graphic designers. It was a way for visual artists to make ends meet while they pursued their passions. Andre Lapine was a recognized Canadian artist but was also known for being able to render lace and fur exquisitely. Learn how the commercial role of artists affected the Canadian art.

Contact information: Laurie Carmount, curator 705-286-3763

?4U <Question for You>

January 7 – February 23, 2013

(Opening reception and curatorial talk January 12 at 1pm)

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 art class presents a series of mixed media work which examines the influence of social media on youth. Instructed by artist Rose Pearson and art teacher Paul Marshall, this exhibition was proposed as a project to hopefully create a unique opportunity for students as well as bring about much needed discussion about social media and its use in our society.

The Eaton's Catalogue: The Rural Department Store
January 8 – April 6, 2013

In 1884 Timothy Eaton released the first Eaton's catalogue. By 1896 the corporation's mail-order department was dispensing over 200,000 orders a year. Particular attention was placed on those Canadians who lived in the more rural areas of the country, not unlike Minden. This exhibition runs in conjunction to the January exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery that looks at the art of the Eaton's Catalogue. The Museum's will be showcasing artifacts from the Eaton's Catalogue and also compares similar artifacts to those pictured in the book.

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Request for Proposal Invitation to Proponents for Municipal Planning Services

The Township of Minden Hills is soliciting proposals from qualified Municipal Planning firms or professional individuals to represent the Township of Minden Hills in various practice areas on an as needed basis. The Request for Proposal document is available on the Township website at: www.mindenhills.ca.

Submission requirements:

- Four (4) complete submission packages must be received no later than **12:00 noon on January 23rd, 2013.**
- All packages are to be submitted in a sealed package clearly marked

RFP - Municipal Planning Services,
Attention: Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO

By mail or hand delivered to:

Clerk's Office
 Township of Minden Hills
 7 Milne Street
 P.O. Box 359
 Minden, ON KOM 2K0

All inquiries regarding this Request for Proposal are to be directed to:
 email: admin@mindenhills.ca

Employment Opportunity

We are currently seeking one (1) Temporary Full Time position for a Building Inspector/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Building/Bylaw and Planning Department. This position is responsible for the enforcement of the Ontario Building Code, all Municipal by-laws and other applicable law. This position will commence Monday, February 4th, 2013 and is based on a 35-hour work week being 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, rate of pay \$23.15/hour as per LOCAL 4286 Collective Agreement. Earnings will be subject to Union dues. This employment opportunity will end when the temporary vacancy is no longer open.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate must have a good understanding and knowledge of the Ontario Building Code and any applicable Federal and Provincial laws. The ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints, a good understanding of Municipal By-Laws, The Provincial Offences Act, The Canada Evidence Act and The Ontario Courts of Justice Act, be able to demonstrate strong computer skills, skill in resolving contentious issues appropriately and effectively and verbal and written communication skills. A valid G driver's license is required. A minimum of 2-year's experience in a Municipal Building/By-Law Department environment is preferred. Prior to the final selection for this position, the applicant shall be required to provide at their own expense, a background check from the Ontario Provincial Police or appropriate Police Force. Qualifications as per the Ontario Building Code being General Legal for Inspectors, The House, Plumbing - The House, HVAC House, Small Buildings is preferred. A full position description can be picked up in the Building/Bylaw/Planning Department. Qualified applicants are asked to submit a letter of application, along with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon Friday, January 4th, 2013 in a sealed envelope, clearly marked:

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Attention: Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



Generosity in Minden

Fifty-five volunteers help pack 180 baskets for this year's Christmas basket program on Dec. 19. The program relies on community donations to brighten the holidays for those who are struggling. There were also tables of toys and other items. Chad Ingram Staff



These mittens were waiting for their new owners to come and claim them. Organizer Ron Reid said he never ceases to be amazed at the generous spirit of the community.



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Council identifies priorities for 2013

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors looked to the upcoming year at their Dec. 13 meeting, identifying nine priority projects for 2013 as part of the township's economic action plan.

They are an application under the province's Community Improvement Fund; a consumer survey on shopping habits; a new township website; a promotional plan for Riverwalk, its boardwalk, a new River Cone "raft ride"; a promotional plan for Minden's Family Day weekend Winterfest event; the creation of a new downtown event for mid-June; a township package for housing developers; a mobile sign program promoting downtown; and the Haliburton County Fair.

"I got some feedback from members of council that we really needed to establish some more specific initiatives that we really wanted to work on," said Reeve Barb Reid, explaining that budget time was coming up and staff would be asked to start working on projects. "It's important council's on side with them."

The township will be getting clarification as to what it is applicable for under the Community Improvement Fund, the hope being that funding for facade upgrades in the village's downtown will be available.

Exchange rate helps out HAVE

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A recent project by Minden-based Help a Village Effort (HAVE) had an even larger impact than anticipated, thanks to the strong Canadian dollar.

The project, in conjunction with the Canadian International Development Agency, has been installing drinking water wells and composting toilets in Indian villages mostly in the states of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh during the past three years.

As HAVE president Ron Reid explained, the project was initially budgeted at 38 rupees per dollar.

"Throughout the project, our dollar became stronger against theirs and now it's trading at, I think, 54 rupees per dollar," Reid said. "So what we were able to do was change that exchange rate into more drinking water wells."

The original 180 wells the project was to install turned into 196 and 150 toilets became 185.

HAVE contributed \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year in money and in-kind contributions during the project, enjoying a three-to-one funding formula from CIDA.

The extra money has meant the timeline for the project has been extended by a year.

HAVE, which was formed in Haliburton County in 1982 and has chapters in the country's east and west, is starting work on a number of smaller projects, including a 26-well project in Orissa, a 13-well project in southern India and a collaborative project that will install drinking water wells in four high schools.

An American partner will be providing sanitation at these sites, probably for the first time in most of these students' lives, Reid said.

For more information on HAVE, visit www.helpavillageeffort.org.

The consumer survey came out of a business retention and expansion project the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce conducted and will seek to find out what consumers are and are not buying in the county and why.

At last week's meeting, council awarded a \$12,000 contract to Kingston company NeuMarkets for the revamp of the township's website, which the reeve called "an important economic development tool for Minden Hills."

The township would also like to help make the 150th annual Haliburton County Fair in 2014 a large event.

"I learned recently that the Haliburton County Fair is

one of the 10 oldest county fairs in the province," Reid said. "We would like to offer help to the fair board to really pump up that event."

Councillor Brigitte Gall, who said she had no problems with items on the list, wondered if others could be added and was concerned the list had not been vetted by the township's economic development committee.

"This list is an opening discussion," said Councillor Larry Clarke, who heads the committee.

Gall was told that chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking would be the list keeper should it be decided items needed to be added.

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What does Christmas mean to you?

Cheryl Patterson's Grade 4 class was asked what Christmas spirit means to them. Here are their answers.

Christmas Spirit

I think that Christmas spirit is nothing you can buy at a store. Christmas spirit is a feeling. To me, Christmas spirit is traditions, giving, and decorating.

These are the traditions we do. First, we always open at least one present, which is our new p.j.'s on Christmas Eve. Then we wear them to bed Christmas Eve. Our other tradition is we go to see our great grandma who we don't really see a lot.

The Christmas spirit to me is also giving to others, not getting. Christmas is a time to give gifts to others.

Last of all, I think the Christmas spirit is decorating. We decorate the Christmas tree almost five weeks before Christmas. Also, we put Christmas lights all around the house.

That what Christmas spirit means to me.

By Jenna Oxley

What does Christmas spirit mean to me?

Christmas spirit is not something you buy it's a feeling. I get Christmas spirit from baking, being together and giving.

Baking

You bake wonderful food for a feast and some people give it to people that are homeless. Also Christmas spirit is baking your own cookies for Santa and sometimes he leaves a note which makes me feel special and thoughtful.

Being together

Being together for a warm, happy, safe Christmas is important. It doesn't matter if there are presents or a feast, only if you're happy together with your family.

Giving

I like giving wonderful toys to kids, Santa, mom, dad and people all around the world! Some kids don't get presents so you can give them some so you feel special.

So that's where I get my Christmas spirit feeling from! What does Christmas spirit mean to you?

By Jon Bittner

Christmas Spirit

Christmas spirit is a feeling in our hearts and it stays forever.

Being with family and sharing memories is part of Christmas spirit. You get some good laughs and have some come back to you when you're with family.

Traditions are something you look forward to every year. A family tradition is having a snowball fight and making a snow animal.

Waking up on Christmas morning is exciting because you are thinking about presents. Santa was in your house! Jumping on your parents is fun to wake them up out of bed.

That's what Christmas spirit is about.

By Makenna Robbins

What Christmas Spirit Is

Christmas spirit is a good feeling you get in December because Christmas is close.

Christmas spirit means to me being together with my family and friends. I like to see the people I don't get to see very much, like my grandmas and my cousins and my uncles.

I love baking with my dad and my mom and my grandmas. They all bake very well. I love their baking and I love my family and friends.

Christmas spirit is giving presents to kids that have no presents and giving presents to my mom and dad and everybody that's in my family.

By Romey Hewson-Lawr

What Does 'Christmas Spirit' Mean to Me?

Christmas Spirit is different to everyone. For some people, it's caroling. For others, it's watching Christmas movies. What Christmas means to me is baking with my mom, doing

traditions with my family, giving to the less fortunate and decorating the house and tree.

Baking

I always bake with my mom, especially at Christmas time. We make cookies for Santa Claus and for my neighbors. I especially love helping my mom with making the stuffing for Christmas dinner. I feel special knowing that Santa Claus will be eating cookies me and my mom made, or knowing that the plate of cookies I made with my mom for my neighbors got returned the next day with nothing but crumbs and a note that says "thanks a ton!"

Giving

Once a year, at Christmas time, my family gives toys, clothes and food to those that are less fortunate. Sometimes, my mom even bakes dinner for an orphanage, with a pumpkin pie and everything! It makes my family happy to know that on Christmas morning the less fortunate won't just be opening one gift from Santa, but at least 2 from their secret Santas!

Traditions

A very important part of Christmas spirit in my family is traditions. We have a blended family so we take turns with traditions. My stepdad's traditions are opening one present on Christmas Eve and mixing up and handing out the gifts on Christmas. My mom's traditions are opening one gift on Christmas Eve and sorting the gifts, but since we sorted the gifts last year, we're mixing them up this year. Every year, we open one gift on Christmas Eve. Another tradition we came up with when I was 7 is tracking Santa on Christmas Eve, then hopping into bed when the bottom corner of the tracker website says, "Next stop, Ontario". My family is very festive. In fact, every year we have a Christmas theme. This year, we are getting a live tree (that we are cutting down ourselves) and decorating it with red tinsel and red ornaments. All the gifts are wrapped in red and Santa's cookies will be iced red and all our lights are red. On top of our tree is an angel praying in a white dress.

Well, as I wrap up this essay, I think I can be sure that you know what 'Christmas spirit' is in my house. Have a very merry Christmas! And may the spirit of Christmas be with you!

By Tianna Hiuser

Christmas Spirit

I think that Christmas spirit is when you give and when you are with friends and family.

I feel that Christmas spirit is when you are with family and friends. It's the best part about being together. When you are there with family and friends we feel happy! When you have friends over Christmas spirit shows up.

When its Christmas time, you should not be greedy. You should give, not want to receive because Christmas spirit is about giving not receiving.

At Christmas time, some of the traditions are decorating the tree, baking gingerbread cookies and wrapping presents for everyone. When you do all of these things, you feel the Christmas spirit.

This is what Christmas spirit means to me.

By Aiden Neave

What Christmas Spirit Means to Me

Christmas spirit to me is giving, decorating, and baking. Giving donations of toys is one part of Christmas spirit. So is decorating a Christmas tree with bulbs and glass snowmen and Santas.

Last but not least, baking is the best part of Christmas. You can bake gingerbread, brownies, and even more cookies!

That's what Christmas spirit means to me.

By Brooklyn Spence

Christmas Events

Christmas spirit is about feelings and is about family, baking and traditions.

Traditions are about setting up and dressing up the Christmas tree with family. Decorating is also a big part of Christmas spirit. Decorating is dressing up the house with your family.

Family is about giving and being nice and getting together with family. I just love when you get together with family. Nothing's better than getting together with family. It's great!

Baking is about getting together and baking Christmas cookies and other Christmas recipes, like making chocolate and brownies.

That is what Christmas spirit is to me.

By Cole Prentice

What Christmas Spirit Means to Me

Do you know what Christmas spirit is? I think Christmas spirit is a time to celebrate with friends and family. I will tell you what I think Christmas spirit means to me.

Traditions

I do some traditions with my family. We make a gingerbread house and then we make gingerbread people. On Christmas day, we eat the gingerbread people and the house.

Giving

Christmas is about giving, not always getting. Also, the best Christmas gift to give to a special someone is a homemade gift. Buying a gift is cool too, but to show someone you love them, then you should give them a special homemade present.

Christmas Eve Movies

On Christmas Eve, me and the rest of my family watch Christmas movies, like the Grinch Who Stole Christmas, plus Frosty the Snowman and different Christmas movies we like to watch.

That is what Christmas Spirit means to me and my family. But spending time with friends and family is 40 per cent of Christmas spirit.

By Emily Davis

Christmas spirit

I think Christmas spirit is about giving, traditions and spending time together.

I am going to tell you what giving means to me. Giving is a thing I do every Christmas. I think Christmas is all about giving. Every year I give presents to my family. I also give to people in need. This makes me feel good inside seeing the grin on the person's face.

Now I am going to tell you 3 traditions I do every year. Every year I bake. I bake cookies for Santa and cookies for other people. I also decorate. I decorate my Christmas tree. I love to see it sparkle! I also hang up Christmas lights on the outside of my house. This is very fun. It makes me want to do more snowmen and go sledding again.

I also spend time with my family. I have Christmas dinner with a turkey. I also go sledding and make a snowman with my family. This makes me feel great.

This is what Christmas spirit means to me.

By Haley Boylan

What Does Christmas Spirit Mean to Me?

Christmas spirit is spending time with my family.

Some traditions are: every Christmas, I skate on my ice rink in my backyard with my cousin that I only see once a year. Also my cousin, my brother and I watch Christmas movies all night.

Also all my family tracks Santa together on my iPod until Santa is close to us.

On Christmas, we bake cookies, pancakes, and then we eat them together every year.

By Jake Sisson

Christmas Spirit

Christmas spirit isn't something you can buy, it's a feeling. Christmas spirit means friends and family, baking and the

Christmas is more about giving than getting

excitement of Christmas Eve to me.

I like to see friends and family, especially the ones I don't see often. I have to go to Toronto every Christmas to get to see them, like my grandparents and my cousins. I really enjoy seeing them every Christmas.

Baking is something I do every Christmas with my and mom and sister. We bake cookies for Santa and some for us. The best thing of all is eating the cookies. I really enjoy baking the cookies.

I just can't wait for the excitement of Christmas Eve because of Christmas the next day. I'm so excited that I can look at my parents wrapping my presents.

Christmas spirit is friends and family, baking and the excitement of Christmas Eve to me.

By Jessica Lee

What Christmas Means to Me

Hi! My name is Jordy Schell and this what Christmas Spirit means to me.

The most important thing about Christmas for me is how I think about Jesus being born in Bethlehem in a stable.

The second reason is about getting together with my family and friends and having a lovely Christmas dinner.

My last reason is when my Mom and Dad have fun on Christmas Eve tracking Santa down with me.

Jesus, family and Santa. That is what Christmas Spirit means to me.

By Jordy Schell

Christmas Spirit

This is what Christmas spirit means to me. Christmas spirit is traditions, giving and family.

A tradition that I do is me and my brother sneak out to look at our Christmas presents. One other is our family goes to Christmas dinner.

Plus you should give, not get. If someone does not have toys, you could give them a toy. You should not get because you could feel really happy about yourself if you make someone's Christmas.

Christmas spirit is also family being together. My family gets together to have Christmas dinner and after, we get to have presents.

This is what Christmas spirit means to me.

By Quinten Little

Christmas Spirit

Christmas spirit is a feeling. It's not a product. It's not a book. It's a great feeling. What is Christmas spirit? Well to me it's tradition, excitement and giving.

Some of my traditions are baking church windows with my nana and sister. I also see my step-nana and papa every Christmas. It gets me excited to see them every year.

I'm always excited to track santa on Christmas eve. I really like to have all my family together for Christmas. I also get excited to see the Santa Claus parade and see all the floats. The excitement of opening my advent calendar every year fills me with joy.

I really like to give to the food bank and toy drives so other people can have a good Christmas too. I also like to give to my brothers and sisters and see the looks on their faces.

That's what Christmas spirit means to me.

By Teo O'Malley

Christmas Spirit

To me, Christmas spirit is something you show when you get to spend time with your family and donate things to people that need them.

Also, I feel Christmas spirit when I watch Christmas movies, like Spongebob, Jack Frost, and Home Alone 2: Lost in New York.

Also, I think Christmas cooking is a big thing in Christmas spirit because in our traditions, we cook a Christmas dinner and we complement each other. A last Christmas spirit thing

is Christmas cooking.

By Tim Miscio

Christmas Spirit

Christmas spirit is a feeling and it is different for each person.

I think tradition is a big thing for the Christmas spirit. Every year, my family puts up the Christmas tree. Me and my sister count down to Christmas on an advent calendar. My dad makes a rink for me.

Christmas is more about giving than getting. Like giving toys to the toy drive. Also donate food to the food drive.

I visit my family every year. I don't get to see my family back in North Bay very often, so when we go up we have a Christmas dinner and we celebrate with my cousins, aunts and uncles and my grandpa.

That's what I think Christmas spirit means to me.

By Brenden Newhook

Christmas spirit!

Christmas spirit starts when families put up their trees and decorate homes. People start to feel thankful and giving.

For Christmas, I like to be baking with my mom. We like to be baking ginger bread cookies. It is so much fun to be baking with my mom.

Next, my family and I like to watch Christmas movies like Home Alone, Frosty and the Grinch. I feel so happy to watch movies with my family.

Also, I like to decorate my tree for Christmas by putting the popcorn and glass balls on it. We listen to music. It is so much fun.

Last, Christmas spirit is being together no matter where you are. I am in Florida for Christmas with my family.

By Cody Martin

Christmas Spirit

Christmas spirit is a feeling. Some of the best feelings are traditions, seeing friends and family, and decorating.

Traditions are filled with Christmas spirit. My favourite tradition is baking special Christmas cookies with Grandma, Grandpa and Jamie.

Seeing family is awesome. Family that I don't see very often is my aunt Tracy and my uncle Brian. Also I get to see my cousins that I don't see very often too.

Decorating is very fun. One of the most fun things is putting up the Christmas tree and putting all of the lights and ornaments on the tree. Also you can decorate outside and inside with ribbons and other decorations.

Now everyone knows about Christmas spirit.

By Colin Crowe

The Christmas Spirit

To me, Christmas spirit makes me feel content and grateful that I have a family that's there for me! Also, I love baking, tracking Santa and decorating.

I like baking because it's fun to make gingerbread with my dad and to make Christmas chocolate with my mom.

I like decorating with my dad, brother and sister because it is fun to decorate the house and to put up the Christmas

tree and decorate it.

Last but not least, tracking Santa is very fun. When I track Santa with my family, we have a compass we use to track him.

That is what Christmas spirit is to me!

By Emma Crowe

Christmas Spirit

I think Christmas spirit is about giving, not getting, like give the needy some of your presents and sharing love.

Traditions are tracking Santa, helping with Christmas dinner and watching Christmas movies like Jack Frost, Home Alone 2, Rudolph, Frosty the Snowman, Casper's Christmas, and Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

We also always go to the Shepperd's Table.

That is what I think Christmas is about. What do you think Christmas spirit is about?

By Holly Cowling-Young

What does Christmas Spirit mean to me?

I think Christmas spirit is when you give.

Part of the Christmas spirit is giving. Giving to people who need it and truly want it is Christmas spirit.

Traditions are also part of the Christmas spirit. My favourite tradition is watching a Christmas movie with my sister on Christmas Eve and waking up at 6:00 am to see the presents under the tree. Three more traditions are tracking Santa on Christmas Eve, pictures of me, my dog and my sister with our Santa hats on under the tree, and one more is decorating the tree and the house with my family.

Another part of Christmas spirit is being together. Being together is when you go see people you never see and are in your memory.

Christmas spirit is not getting, it's giving to those who need it.

By Jayme Coltman

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Athletic highlights of 2012

Left: Red Hawks varsity boys' hockey coach Ron Yake was the first HHSS recipient of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Leadership in School Sport Award. /File photo

Right: Julia Fedeski earned a ninth place at the all-provincial track and field meet last year. This was her first trip to the finals.



Right: Junior Shawn Walker of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Wildcats track and field team rose to the occasion winning the long jump event with 3.62 metre jump at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Track and Field Meet last year. Walker also came third in the 400-metre dash.



Right: Red Hawks snowboarder Greg Foster won gold at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association championships held at the Mansfield Ski Club on March 1. Foster is now competing for a spot with the national team for a chance to go to the Olympics.



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Reads of the week



Book of the Week

The Time of My Life by Cecilia Ahern

Lucy Silchester's life has come calling. Literally. Lucy doesn't exactly have it all together: she is unhappily single, in a job she hates, and lives in a cheap studio apartment with the world's grimmest carpet. Worst of all, she is so caught up in a growing string of lies that she cannot turn to her friends and family for support. To put it simply, Lucy is in denial about her life and her life, in turn, has become fed up with her. He wants to meet Lucy, he wants to put her on the right track, but Lucy isn't exactly impressed with Life when she meets him. Meeting life is bound to have disastrous, hilarious and even romantic consequences. *The Time of My Life* by Irish chick-lit author Cecilia Ahern is a charming, original and surprisingly thought provoking read that will remind you that your life is always there, even when you are ignoring it. Reserve this novel in print or talking book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Week: Picture Book Title

This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen

This is Not My Hat is the much anticipated companion novel to Canadian author Jon Klassen's best-selling

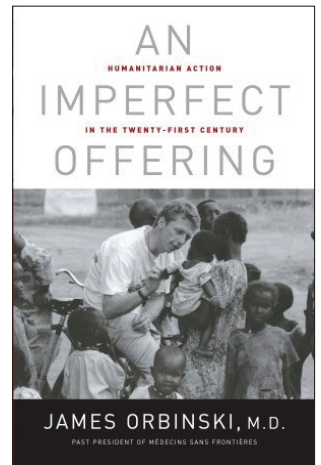
debut *I Want My Hat Back*. At the book's opening, a tiny fish steals a blue hat from a great big fish. The pint sized fish is confident that he's committed the perfect crime, but could he be underestimating his target? Using visual humour and deadpan illustrations, Klassen crafts a darkly comedic tale, sure to please fans of his first book, as well as other readers who are looking for an amusing read. Both *This is Not My Hat* and *I Want My Hat Back* are available to reserve from your library today.

Local Celebrity Read



"No other book has touched my heart and soul as this one did," Vicki Fraser of the Dysart (Haliburton) branch says about *An Imperfect Offering* by James Orbinski. This book is written by the former president of Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), chronicling his time in Rwanda in the late 1980s and early 90s. "Once I had read it, I was very attached to the character [Orbinski]," says Fraser. "I worried about him because of what he saw

but I watched his documentary *Triage: Dr. James Orbinski's Humanitarian Dilemma* where, 10 years later, he returned to Rwanda. Now he is married and has kids, so there was a light at the end of the tunnel for him." Both *An Imperfect Offering* and *Triage* can be reserved from the library.



News & Events

Free holiday children's programming is set for the Minden Hills, Dysart and Wilberforce branches of the library! Stop by Minden Dec. 27, Jan. 2 (10 to 11 a.m.); Dysart Dec. 29, Jan. 4 (10 to 11 a.m.); or Wilberforce Dec. 28, Jan. 3 (12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) for stories, games and crafts.

Haliburton County Public Library

Coming Events

community calendar

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

ATTENTION stamp collectors in Haliburton and Minden area, new club is forming in the Highlands. Please contact Kevin for more information at 705-489-1038 or 705-457-5949

Dec 27th: Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break: from 10:00 to 11:00 located at the Minden Hills Branch location

Dec 28th: Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 12:30p.m. to 1:30 p.m. located at the Wilberforce Branch

Dec 29th: Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. located at the Dysart Branch location

Dec 31: Minden Hills Family New Year's Eve located at the Minden Community Centre. Enjoy a Family Skate, Christmas Tree Bon Fire at 8:00 p.m., Fireworks 9:00p.m. Cammy George 286-1936

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Jan 12: The Haliburton County Historical Society 3rd Annual Golden Slipper Music Era Dance, beginning at 8:00p.m. located at the Wild Moose. Dance to the 50's style. Tickets are \$10. Contact: Larry Giles at 705-754-0427 for more information

Tai chi intro rescheduled



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The following is an important message for any of you that have a learning disabled person in your life. You might not be aware that Community Living Ontario sent out an open letter media release on Dec. 3, which is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and welcomed Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin's investigation of adult developmental services and requested a meeting. If you would like to view this letter go to their homepage on website www.communitylivingontario.ca. The Ontario Ombudsman's office contacted Community Living Ontario immediately to grant the request for a meeting and is working

on a date in the not too distant future. This is where your part comes in – to make the most of this meeting Community Living Ontario needs your input about your experience with any problems encountered across the province and particularly those affecting your association's work in your own community. Since issues can be complex choose any suggestions of those you see as highest priority and want them discussed with the ombudsman. So write down your concerns and experiences and send the letter directly to Ombudsman Andre Marin, Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, 483 Bay Street, 10th Floor, South Tower, Toronto, ON, M5G 2C9. Also if you like, a copy to Keith Dee who is the contact for Community Living Ontario for the ombudsman meeting at kdee@communitylivingontario.ca.

This is your chance to be heard regarding the investigation of the province's services for adults with developmental disabilities in crisis.

Zumba and Tai Chi news: the introduction to Tai Chi has been rescheduled to Mondays and Zumba will be continuing on Fridays. This is the schedule for both:

Introduction to Tai Chi at Club 35 (geared to 55-plus although all are welcome) will be six weeks commencing on Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is only \$5 per person and to chat, register or make sure the class is a go email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

Zumba Lite classes with Meghan Reid will start again on Friday, Jan. 11 from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. (as long as there are enough participants). The cost is only \$6 per person and you can register by emailing Megan at megsclasses@live.ca or call 705-455-7270. This is also the contact to make sure the class is a go whether by number of participants or inclement weather – not that we are getting any!

Thank you for taking time to read my column throughout the year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best of New Years!

Minden Bantom girls fall short

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Midget BB Storm girls hockey team travelled south last night to take on the Cobourg Wild. The almost two weeks with no games showed in a slow start in a sluggish first period ... but the score remained tied at 0-0. Both teams picked up their level of play in the second period generating some scoring chances. The Wild scored their only goal midway through the second period during a long line change and a shot/squeaker that dribbled across the goal line. The Storm tried to rally in the third and pulled the goalie twice to generate a goal to tie the score late in the period, but fell short in another nail-biter loss. Final score 1-0 in favour of Cobourg.

The Storm midget girls get a chance to challenge the Cobourg Wild again this Saturday night, Dec. 22, in our home-and-home contest in Minden at 7:30 p.m. Be ready to hit the ice flying girls and take the attack to Cobourg in the holiday spirit - it will be nice to "give" them a loss.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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If you make New Year's resolutions, please consider the Minden Legion in your plans for 2013! We welcome new members, people who wish to volunteer and people who wish to just come in to visit us on the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 21. Whatever your plans, we hope you all have a wonderful 2013!

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December 13

Bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: The leading ladies were Theresa Deak 265, Pat Roussel 255, Karin Harrison 244 and Jean Scadden 226. First for the gents at 309 was Tom Grix followed by Jesse Barlow 281, Albert Foster 249 and Kevin Maloney 243. The draw winners were Dorothy McElwain, Pat Bailey, Marcy Morgan, John Deak, Shirley Milne and Kevin Maloney while moonshots landed on Phyllis Windsor, our reporter Bev Johnson, Pat Scadden, John Deak and Bob Harrison.

December 13

Euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Murray Daniels with Joan Mann and Doug McIntosh posting the highs. Jesse Barlow and Sharron Atkinson had the evening's lows while Tom Grix, John Priestly, Muriel McIntosh, Betty Wagar and Pat McInnis took home the other prizes. The Xmas draw winners were Theresa Deak, Pat McInnis and our reporter May Bradbury.

December 15

Bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that for the ladies top scores went to Emily Harvie 262, Vi Howell 252, Jean Scadden 247 and June Branning 246. For the gents high marks went to John Deak 260, Albert Foster 229 and Marcel Roussel 228. Bev Johnson won the special prize while Emily Harvie took the single moonshot.

December 16

Euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Leading for high hands was our reporter Arthur Forbes, for lone hands Murray Daniels, for low hands Carol Derbyshire and for the spe-

cial prize Doreen Francis.

December 16

Sunday Bid Euchre: From Bev Johnson the news for this monthly event is that first at 330 was Marcel Roussel then Pearl Cowen 303 and Albert Foster 290. Holding the hidden score was Janice Davidson. Please note that the next event will be on Sunday, January 20th at 1 p.m. held the hidden score.

December 17

Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: The top three players were Dana Briscoe 322, Theresa Deak 307 and Phyllis Windsor 270. Tom Grix won the draw while Dana Briscoe had the only moonshot. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this update.

December 17

Euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Tim Sharpe reports that Pearl Cowen and Betty Sharpe took lone hand honours with Annah Buxcey and Lorna Hicks posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Kay Godden while Annah Buxcey also claimed the special prize. Please note that the next event will be on January 7th.

December 17

Euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: John Sparks won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands, Maria Tschida for low hands and Sherin Brown for the special prize. Thanks to Doreen French for this report.

December 17

Euchre at Club 35: For lone hands it was Al McMullen with Jean Randell and Ann Manning posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Joan Mann and our reporter Jean Dutka while Jean Randell claimed the baloney.



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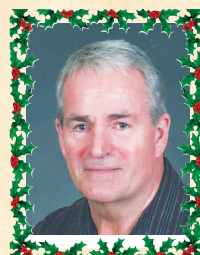
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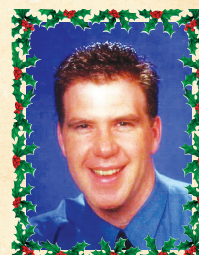
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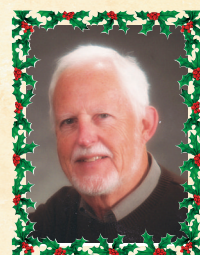
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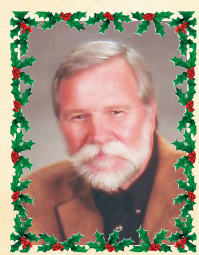
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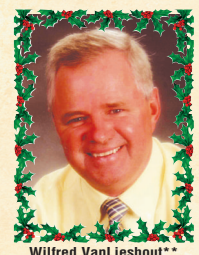
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